

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7373

Joint Petition of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.,)
Vermont Transco, LLC, and Central Vermont Public)
Service Corporation for a certificate of public good,)
pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, authorizing the)
construction of the Southern Loop Transmission)
Upgrade Project)

Order entered: 3/12/2008

ORDER RE: VERMONT LAND TRUST'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

On February 8, 2008, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued an Order requiring Vermont Land Trust ("VLT") to file additional information to support VLT's motion to intervene. On February 22, 2008, VLT filed the required information. VLT's filing indicates that it owns easements or property in fee in seven locations along the proposed project. VLT indicates that its interests in these properties are related to the impact of the project on the natural resources of these properties. Additionally, VLT states that several of the properties are enrolled in the Land Use Value Program and the project could have an adverse impact on the continued eligibility of these properties for the program.

On February 28, 2008, Petitioners filed a response to VLT's February 22 filing. Petitioners do not object to VLT's permissive intervention if it is limited to the issues VLT identified that relate to the criteria articulated in 30 V.S.A. § 248(b)(5). Petitioners contend that VLT should not be permitted to raise issues related to private property rights.

The Board grants VLT permissive intervention pursuant to Board Rule 2.209(B), limited to the interests raised in VLT's February 22 letter. With respect to Petitioners' contention regarding private property rights, the Board issued an Order on February 28, 2008, that addressed the distinction between issues properly raised before this Board and issues that are under the jurisdiction of the Superior Court, and therefore this distinction does not need to be addressed here.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 12th day of March, 2008.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>)	

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FILED: March 12, 2008

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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